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**REMARKS**

Claims 11-32 have been canceled as drawn to non-elected inventions.

Newly added claim 43 relates to an optical connector with a modular cover and is therefore proper for inclusion within the group of elected claims.

Should any questions arise concerning the application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorneys at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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